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Subject: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Grant
Project Ordinance and Contract with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare

Executive Summary

This item recommends acceptance of a \$60,000.00 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Job training grant.

The contract with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare will help transition youth (aged 16-21) who have been identified as (1) having significant functional impairments, and/or (2) disconnected or at risk of becoming disconnected from services and supports. Specifically, the program supports a minimum of 120 youth per year in becoming gainfully employed through the collaborative efforts of the BECOMING project.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to accept the SAMHSA grant as a sub-recipient through Alliance Behavioral Healthcare by adopting the FY2014-2015 Grant Project Ordinance in the amount of \$60,000.00.

The Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) further recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 to further implement the pilot employment and training program for youth enrolled in the SAMHSA funded program.

Background

The Durham Center (currently known as Alliance Behavioral Healthcare) was the local area authority in Durham County for the coordination and provision of services for individuals with mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse barriers. In 2010, OEWD submitted a joint application with the Durham Center (as the lead agency) to the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to provide coordinated employment and training services to transition age youth (ages 16-21) who have been identified as (1) having significant functional impairments, and/or (2) disconnected or at risk of becoming disconnected from services and supports. In 2011, OEWD received notification that the Durham Center was awarded the SAMSHA grant in the amount of \$5.4 million dollars to implement the BECOMING (Building Every Chance of Making It Now and Grown Up) program to build a comprehensive system of care for high risk youth ages 16 to 21 who have mental health conditions.

Issues and Analysis

As the sub-recipient and partner of this grant, OEWD has been awarded \$60,000.00 to work with its network of local partners and JobLink Career Center staff to; support in the outreach and recruitment efforts of the program; make program referrals; leverage federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) resources to provide case management and supportive services; and provide job placement assistance for transition age youth ages 16-24 of the SAMHSA program. Youth participants will also have the opportunity to engage in various types of training that will help increase their marketability and support them in gaining employment in high-growth and high demand occupations upon their completion and/or fulfillment of program obligations.

The funds awarded for this pilot employment and training grant are aligned with the vision(s) and objectives of the Durham City Council, Durham Workforce Development Board, Alliance Behavioral Health Care, and the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Agency, as they relate to engaging at-risk/transitional youth in training and providing coordinated employment opportunities.

Alternatives

Council may choose to neither approve the amended SAMHSA FY2014-2015 Grant Project Ordinance nor authorize the contract with the Alliance Behavioral Healthcare to implement this joint training program.

If Council chooses to not adopt the SAMHSA Grant Project Ordinance nor authorize the contract with the Alliance Behavioral Healthcare, OEWD would be less able to provide coordinated employment and training services to transition age youth (ages 16-21) identified under the BECOMING project.

Financial Impact

This contract will be paid with grant funds received from the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, with OEWD as a sub-grant recipient, under the contract and authority of Alliance Behavioral Healthcare. Funding or not funding this item will have no impact on the City's general fund. SAMHSA authorizes the use of these funds to conduct workforce development activities within the County of Durham for FY14.

SDBE Summary

An SDBE summary is inapplicable because no project-specific goals have been set and no SDBE's are involved in this item.

Attachments

City of Durham Employment and Training FY2014-2015 Grant Project Ordinance for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Grant December 1, 2013– Sept 30, 2014, 1 page.

SAMSHA Agreement between Alliance Behavioral Healthcare and The City of Durham, 9 pages.